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Stars Wars Reads Day sees success



KANDACE GRIFFIN | THE COLLEGIAN

Sid Belt-Gadgil of Manhattan gets a tattoo at the Manhattan Public Library's Star Wars Read Day on Saturday. Many children were able to make crafts during the morning hours before the other events began.

By LINDSEY STAAB
THE COLLEGIAN

The force was strong at Manhattan Public Library on Saturday as it hosted the third annual Star Wars Reads Day, a day dedicated to promoting reading and (of course) Star Wars.

According to the Star Wars website, more than 2,000 events were held worldwide in over 1,200 bookstores and libraries to celebrate the day in 2013.

"We've had a good turnout," Heather Strafuss, assistant circulation supervisor, said. "There have been lots of people dressed up as Princess Leia, Darth Vader and storm troopers."

The day kicked off mid-morning and ran

until the library closed at 6 p.m. Star Wars fans of all ages participated in costume, poetry and trivia contests, as well as Darth Vader origami before making their own Yoda ears and watching "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi."

"We had an obstacle course, the Jedi Knight Training Academy, along Juliette Avenue, and the kids enjoyed that," Strafuss said. "There was a rope swing, noodles the kids had to jump over, Yoda soda and popcorn."

This year's event combined participation from library staff, volunteer groups around town, the Manhattan Library Association and more. Event sponsors such as Wheat State Pizza provided food for the event, while Game Hounds gave away gift certificates.

According to Alphild Dick, adult services librarian, this is the first year Lucas-

film, LLC also provided giveaways.

"Last year, we just had the movie showings," Dick said. "This year, we had a lot more involvement from local volunteers, cosplay enthusiasts and some volunteers from Project Nerd (a 'geek and entertainment' news website). We also had a lot of interest from several departments within the library. Cody Wassenberg (IT assistant at the library) came up with the Star Wars spoofs."

Dick estimated 200-250 people attended the event.

The Manhattan Library Association raised much of the event's funds through memberships, its annual spring, used-book sale and proceeds from Rosie's Corner, a section in the library which features buyable used books all year.

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Historical society receives \$1.687 million donation from deceased

By LOGAN FALLETTI
THE COLLEGIAN

David Pfuetze was a lifelong member of the Riley County Historical Society. When he died on Nov. 16, 2013, he made sure his membership would continue to leave an impact by leaving a \$1,687,000 gift to the society.

"It's a wonderful gift that will allow us to take good care of the relics in the museum and its buildings," Gloria Freeland, president of the Riley County Historical Society, said.

The gift was announced at a public reception for the society's centennial anniversary on Sunday. The historical society was founded on Oct. 12, 1914.

Pfuetze made gifts to the museum throughout his life, including monetary donations to its expansion in 1986 as well as relics to the collections in 1987.

"We are thrilled and honored by this gift," Director of the museum Cheryl Collins said. "It will support collecting, presenting and preserving the items of Riley County history. The Board of Directors will be figuring out how best to do that."

Pfuetze, born in Topeka, grew up in Manhattan and attended both Manhattan High School and K-State. He served in the Army Reserves after graduation, after which he worked for IBM. He was remembered as an inventor and a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Previous members of his family boarded in the Wolf House, located at 630 Fremont St., when it was operational.

The society does not have concrete plans for the money at this time.

Annual burnings help in conserving Kansas prairies

By SETH DIEHM
THE COLLEGIAN

Blackened ground, dark smoky air and ashes peppered throughout the sky. It sounds like the impact of a tragedy or the dramatic ending to a dark book. However, "burning" is a common act on the Kansas prairie. The question many may ask is, what is the point?

The Konza Prairie is a vast 8,616 acre research area co-owned by K-State and the Nature Conservancy, according to the K-State website. It provides a mecca of research for biology students as it is one of the last remaining tallgrass prairie ecosystems in the world. Its large hills and limestone base make it nearly impossible to cultivate in, therefore the ecosystem has had the opportunity to survive.



VAIL MOSHIRI | THE COLLEGIAN

Hints of autumn can be seen across a prairie on the morning of Oct. 3.

However, along the stream beds of the Konza woody vegetation have begun to show some prominence. These trees absorb

more nutrients from the soil than do the native grasses, and their shade blocks available sunlight to the native grasses.

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Riley County denies license for same-sex marriage

By EMILY MOORE
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Kansas First News reported Friday that Darci Bohnenblust and Joleen Hickman, the first same-sex couple to submit an application in Riley County, were denied a marriage license.

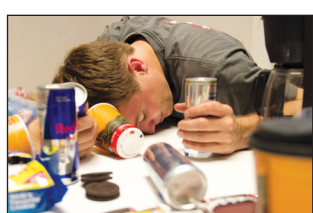
The couple's application was originally accepted Thursday. However, after being told to wait a standard three-day waiting period, they received word Friday that Judge Meryl Wilson denied license.

According to the Topeka Capital Journal, the couple has been together for 19 years and are not discouraged by the decision.

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Fact of the Day

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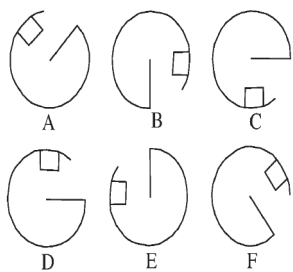


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by Terry Stickels

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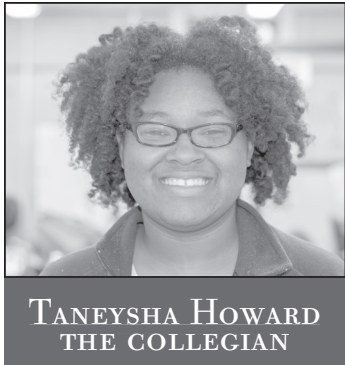
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TANEYSHA HOWARD
THE COLLEGIAN

As a senior, I would find it absolutely amazing if I could take all of my senior-level classes in one building. However, that is impossible for someone with my major.

I am majoring in agricultural communications and journalism. Although it may seem like a dual degree, it's not. Students in this major are required to take classes in both Umberger and Kedzie Hall, homes of the Department of Communications and Agricultural Education and the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, respectively.

"It's a nice change of scenery, but it is difficult to make it to class on time," said Lachelle Marshall, junior in agricultural communications and journalism, said.

Splitting your schedule between two buildings on opposite sides of campus is less than ideal. Most students with back-to-back classes usually have a 10-minute time frame to make it to their next location. However, things don't always work out as planned.

"When professors teach classes for the full time period, it is impossible to make it from Kedzie to Umberger or Umberger to Kedzie in that 10-minute time frame," Marshall said.

I agree with Marshall. When you add the components of classroom traffic and street traffic, in addition to the time that it took you to pack up your class material such as textbooks, notebooks and writing utensils, it will take you longer than 10 minutes to travel between Kedzie and Umberger.

A solution here could be completing all of your Kedzie Hall classes one semester, then

completing Umberger Hall classes the next or vice versa. However, agricultural communications and journalism students are not the only ones with this problem. For example, Tanniqua-Kay Buchanan, senior in regional and community planning and dance, has her senior-level regional and community planning classes in Seaton Hall and her senior-level dance classes in Nichols Hall.

"It's not really a big deal traveling between two different buildings to complete my majors," Buchanan said. "I am going to graduate with two degrees in fields that I love. Not being in the same building my senior year is the least of my worries."

Education majors face a similar challenge. These students, in addition to attending classes on campus, have to teach at an outside elementary or secondary school to complete their final block, which can only be taken during their senior year.

"It was rough, because I was one of the only students traveling out to this particular school," Dominique Brookshire, K-State alumna, said.

Field experience can grant students with invaluable lessons that they cannot always learn in the classroom.

"My teaching block was a really interesting time for me to get to know myself," Brookshire said. "I was able to figure out things that I was good at, things I was not so good at, things that K-State prepared me for and things that did not appear before going to teach in the classroom."

Sometimes it's the minor, not the major, that has students running from building to building. For example, if a student has a minor in leadership studies, a portion of their time will be spent in the Leadership Studies Building. One of its core classes, Senior Seminar in Leadership Studies, can only be taken during your senior year.

Staying in the same building to complete your classes may be ideal for some, but to others it would be detrimental. They would not be able to complete their goals or gain the experience they need to succeed had they stayed in the same building.

"I've learned so much because of my experiences and

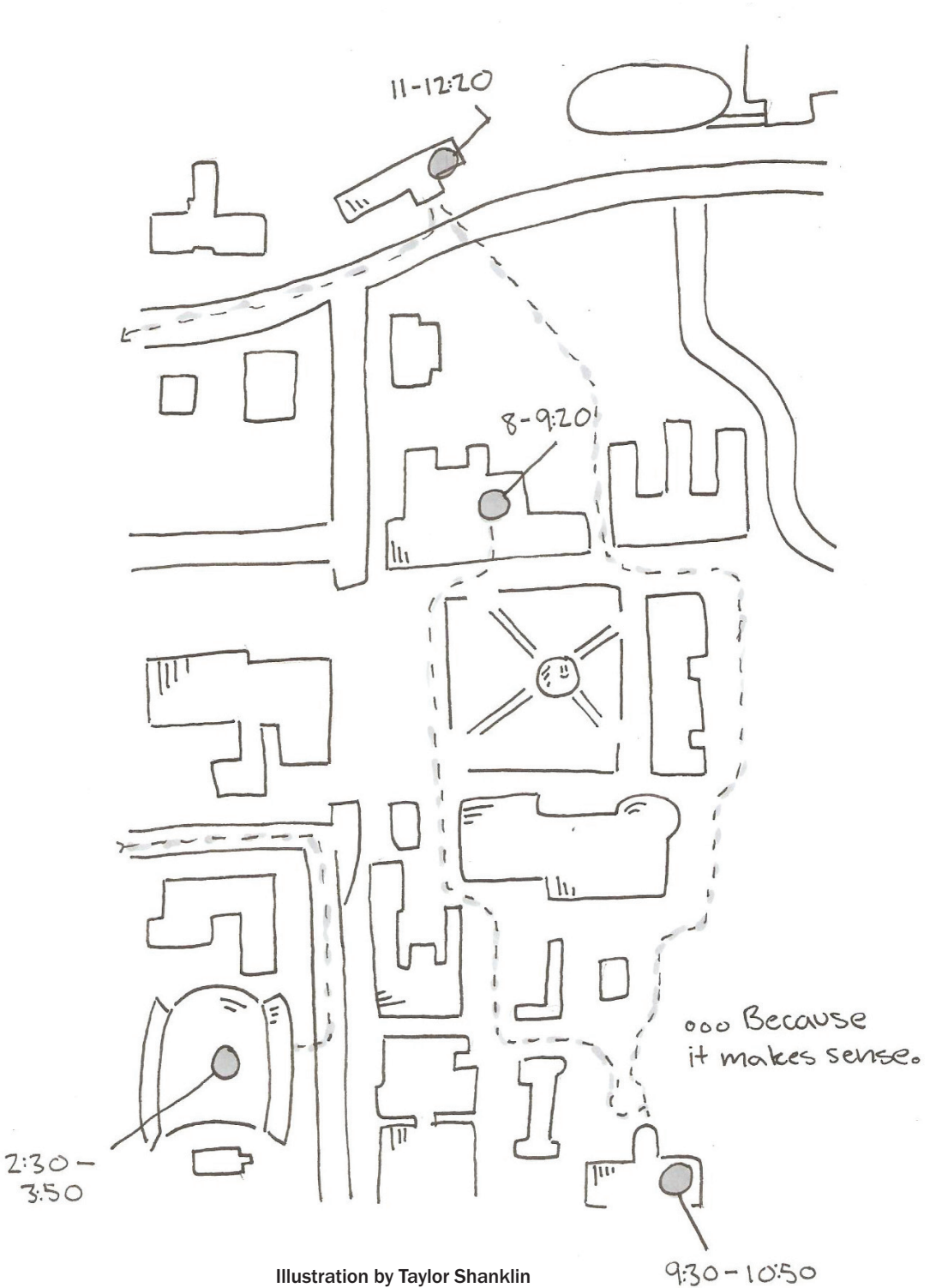


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I will continue to learn and educate, whether in a classroom setting or not," Brookshire said.

Having to run between classes is inconvenient, but sometimes you just have to deal with it. A clear solution cannot be reached for those who have minors, dual

majors or combination majors. The degrees we will earn at the end are worth one more small step (or multiple) in the process.

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No offense to Lincoln but the U.S. doesn't need him anymore

By PARKER HEINZE
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I have a disdain for the coin currency adorned by our 16th president. In my opinion, the penny needs a headstone that reads "Here lies a useful piece of currency 1793-2006," as that was the last time it was worth anything.

The U.S. penny was first minted in Philadelphia and was made with 100 percent pure copper. That was over 220 years ago. The coin has since lost a large amount of market value over time and now is made up of 97.5 percent zinc with a thin copper plating.

In 2006, the price of the raw materials in copper pennies rose above one cent, so some Americans decided to melt them down and sell the copper itself. The government quickly outlawed the process.

The government should have ended the story of the penny right then and there. They should have slowly taken them out of circulation so that eventually, a penny would be an unlikely sight.

Yet, in 2013 when it cost the U.S. Mint 1.83 cents per penny, there were 7,070,000,000 pennies produced. This means that last year, the government spent \$12,938,100,000 on making these copper (or should I say zinc) monstrosities.

In a country that's constantly complaining about the national debt (which was at approximately \$17,861,789,300,000 at the time of this article), I think

this would be a great place to cut some funding.

Even if pennies cost what they're valued at, they would still be pointless. The amount of time it takes to use these coins in exchange for goods and services isn't even worth 1 cent.

Say I work for an hour and receive \$20 for my services. I go on to use that \$20 to buy myself \$16 worth of groceries. I get up to the register and find that my total is \$17.79. If I fiddle out three quarters and four pennies from my wallet, I am wasting not only my time, but the time of the cashier and of everyone behind me at the store as well.

There are some people out there who would argue that if we eliminate the penny, prices would go up and charitable donations will go down. Currently the list of countries that do not use one cent pieces include: New Zealand, Australia, Finland and most recently our neighbor to the north. Even U.S. military bases overseas don't use the penny. Canada started the process of phasing out the penny in 2012. It simply stopped production at the mints and have since been removing pennies from circulation. Now, if you buy groceries from Canada and the amount comes to \$17.79 you pay a nice \$17.80. Sometimes it works in your favor – if your groceries are \$17.77 you now owe the store only \$17.75. As for charities, no country has seen a marked drop in donations and the Canadian mint actually encouraged people to donate their leftover pennies to charity.

The last time the U.S.



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Mint axed a coin was in 1857, when it got rid of the half penny. Even President Barack Obama has said he is opposed to pennies.

"It's one of those things where people get attached emotionally to the way things have been," he said in a February 2013 Google+ Hangout.

It's silly to be attached

to these things that cost tax payers so much each and every year. Remember, this only affects cash transactions – cards and online transactions are unaffected by using physical money at all.

Pennies are bad for the economy and must go. They drain funds and end up in jars and change cups, dead to the economy. You can't put

them in machines, you can't put them in toll booths and if you want to carry \$20 worth of pennies, it would weigh 11 pounds.

For all you Lincoln lovers out there: this is not an attack on him and please just bear in mind the \$5 bill is not going anywhere soon. So get rid of the penny. It just makes cents.

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SGA's intern program educates students about ins and outs of government



ELAINE SISCO | THE COLLEGIAN

Members of the K-State Student Governing Association listen to Ameerah McBride, investigator and deputy Title IX coordinator for K-State, during her presentation at the Sept. 4 meeting in the K-State Student Union.

BY BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Each year, from a long list of applicants, 25 students are selected to intern for K-State's Student Governing Association. A program dating back to 1984, these interns serve on committees, attend senate meetings, do special projects and learn what it takes to be a prominent leader at K-State.

"A big part of the intern program is to find the people who are going to be the next leaders of SGA," Madeline Frankel, sophomore in political communications and intern coordinator, said. "I was looking for people who are not just going to participate a lot this year and show up to

meetings and work hard on the projects and do everything with everyone else, but who are going to continue wanting to be involved in SGA. I was looking for people that are dedicated and passionate about making a difference at this school."

Frankel, who has the challenge of guiding these future leaders, was an intern herself just last year. She said she loved the experience and the connections she made were priceless. Even after being elected as a senator, she knew her calling was to help train the future of SGA.

"What I really wanted to do was help people who wanted to get involved," Frankel said of her decision to apply to be intern coordinator.

There are many lessons SGA interns have the oppor-

tunity to learn. From parliamentary procedure to campaigning, the friendships and mentors they find through the program are invaluable to their success at K-State. For Joe Tinker, junior in information systems and last year's "Most Outstanding Intern," communication was one of the most valuable lessons he learned during his tenure as intern.

"When you're dealing with some different issues, it's important that everyone stay on the same page and that everyone knows where everyone else is at," Tinker said.

Tinker said he knows just how important the relationships he built with senate leaders and with his fellow interns were to his success as a student senator now.

"I believe that nobody gets where they are going without a dedicated team of highly motivated individuals alongside them," Tinker said. "What matters are the relationships and the experiences that we shared throughout the journey."

The intern program focuses on helping develop and educate K-State's leaders of tomorrow. Secretary Jordan Korb, sophomore in business administration, said serving as an intern gave him a community to learn from and with.

"The intern experience was one of the best experiences of my freshman year," Korb said. "The people I got to meet were inspiring and became some of my best friends on campus. Getting to help out the student body is a

great experience to have."

For Frankel, emphasis on mentoring was a key goal for her as intern coordinator. Each intern is assigned to a willing senator to help them learn about senate meetings.

"I think it's really helpful," Frankel said. "If you don't know what's going on in senate, you can get lost really easily. So I think it'll be helpful for them to sit by an older senator."

Though interns aren't allowed to vote in senate meetings, they all serve on committees and are encouraged to be vocal and involved in all aspects, from writing legislation to presenting it to the senate.

"I feel like everyone that was chosen for the SGA intern program is very passionate about serving, making a dif-

ference and learning," intern Drew Boorman, freshman in business management, said.

While many senators started out in the intern program, Frankel said there's no reason non-interns should feel like they can't make a difference and be in senate. Though the program offers great background knowledge, she said passion is a key component in being successful in senate.

"As far as involvement goes, just find something you are interested in and go for it," Tinker said. "I believe the university needs people who are passionate and excited about their interest. Everyone has something to offer our community and K-State provides a tremendous amount of resources in helping students succeed and prosper."

STAR WARS | Community involvement stems from posters

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Awareness for the Star Wars Reads Day came via promotional posters posted in the library and throughout town.

"I happened to see a sign outside one of the tattoo shops in Aggieville," Brian Hough, Manhattan resident and father of miniature stormtrooper, Beckham, said.

Attendees were also able to have their picture taken on the Death Star or Tatooine in the Star Wars photo booth, participate in a Wookiee yelling contest and enjoy live Star Wars music played by local musicians.



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Zach Jund of Manhattan fills out a survey during the craft time during the Star Wars Read Day at the Manhattan Public Library on Saturday.

KONZA | Prairies contribute to national beef production too

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"The most common way of controlling the onset of woody vegetation growth is to burn," Allison Veach, K-State alumna and graduate student in biology, said.

Burning is a common practice on the Kansas prairie for several reasons. According to an article by Dan Charles on the NPR website entitled, "Fire-Setting Ranchers Have Burning Desire To Save Tallgrass Prairie," one of those reasons is that it prevents tree growth and encourages the growth of fresh grass.

"We burn to decrease our weed population and encourage the native grass growth," Levi Winkler, K-State alumnus in animal sciences and local farmer, said. "By burning off the unwanted materials, our soil becomes more receptive to moisture absorption, the burning process also creates a cost effective and efficient organic fertilizer."

Studies on the subject impact the streams of the Konza and the farmers and ranchers of the Flint Hills as well. Cattle ranchers are populous in the Flint Hills and understand the importance of burning to the survival of their animals.

According to the NPR article, local beef farmers in the Flint Hills are a large part of today's meat production because of the rarity of prairie grasslands. Many other prairie areas around the country have been transformed to farm fields that grow crops such as wheat and corn.

Walter Dodds, distinguished professor of biology, and Veach are continuing to research grassland streams and the expansion of nearby

woody vegetation. Both have studied years of data on the Konza Prairie Biological Station which records and publishes their findings to the public. The study has taken one-, four- and 20-year burns into consideration and also includes wildfires.

According to Veach, trees are not by any means taking over the Konza Prairie but they are showing more prominence near the streams. However, there are some advantages to the growth of the trees. One of those advantages, according to Veach, is that the larger root systems from some of the trees create cracks in the soil that allow for a larger rate of water absorption in the ground.

While cattle are the primary livestock raised in the Flint Hills, other species such as sheep and goats actually prefer the woody vegetation, if it comes to that.

"Goats are excellent browsers," Brian Faris, associate professor of animal sciences and industry, and sheep and meat goat specialist, said. "As that is their preferred forage, they serve as a very good biological control mechanism for woody plant species they do little to disturb riparian areas while helping to control brush. Generally speaking, goats are effective because they can be targeted at certain areas with simple electric netting and solar fence chargers."

So though seeing clouds of smoke billowing around the farmlands may seem odd, it means that farmers are out there, keeping the Flint Hills as one of the few tallgrass lands in the country.

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By BEN SIGLE
MANHATTAN RUNNING CO.

Being a local business owner, I believe very strongly in shopping local. Investing in the businesses and people that live here in Manhattan means the dollars spent stay right here in our local economy. I believe there are two main reasons that someone should spend their money here with a locally-owned business. First, when you spend local, your money stays local. Second, you should shop local when the service provided at that business meets or exceeds that of your second or third option.

When it comes to shopping and spending money, spending local is more than just not spending your money on the Internet. Some may think Dick's Sporting Goods or Foot Locker in the mall is local. Although they have a footprint inside of Manhattan, they are still not what one might call

local. These types of stores are usually owned corporately in some other state and just managed locally. Typically, they give nothing back and have no involvement at the local level. I grew up in the Manhattan area so I've always considered this home. Both my business partner and I live here now which means that our time and money are spent here in Manhattan. Only 33% of revenue from national chains is reinvested into the community, whereas locally owned businesses reinvest 65% of their money back into the community. When we decided to open Manhattan Running Company, we did so for various reasons. Running and being active is our passion. We enjoy doing it and thought we would take something that we enjoy doing and help other people enjoy it as well.

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a reason. It could be to lose weight, relieve stress or sometimes it's to test themselves by running a race to meet a goal they have set. To help our runners here in Manhattan, we host 6-7 events per year. One of my favorite outcomes of these events we put on is the money we raise and donate to local charities. Through these races that we put on, we have been able to donate close to \$70,000 in the past 5 1/2 years to local charities. The customer is king! This means that as a business, from the time that customer opens your front door until the time they walk out; you do everything in your power to make sure their experience is top notch. I've told our employees before that you should treat every customer as if they took the day off from work, live 4 hours away, drove past 6 competitors, have \$1500 cash in their pocket, it's their birthday and they work for Runner's World writing a story for next month's issue on the best running

store in the world...and they have 6792 Facebook friends. I take this stance because I feel we have to earn our customers. I don't believe Jack or Jane Shopper should purchase from me just because we are a locally owned store. I want them to purchase from me because they know that my employees and I are going to give them the best experience possible when it when they come to shop. There are too many options out there when it comes to shoes, so we always try to be competitive on price and beat everyone else when it comes to service.

In the end, there are numerous reasons no matter where you live or what you are purchasing for you to consider shopping local. Customer experience and the service that local business provides should not be taken for granted by the customer or the business that is trying to win that customer over.

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Manhattan Regional builds fence to protect aircrafts, animals, passengers



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By BRANDON FAIT
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Jan. 15, 2009 was a day that changed the aviation world forever. U.S. Airways flight 1549, with service from New York's LaGuardia Airport to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, departed LaGuardia at 3:25 p.m. Shortly after takeoff, the crew heard a loud noise and lost power to both engines. Captain Chesley Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles were forced to make an emergency landing into the Hudson River.

The reason for the loss of power had nothing to do with mechanics, but rather something entirely different: a wildlife strike of Canadian Geese.

According to a July 2014 Federal Aviation Administration

report, a record 11,315 wildlife strikes were reported in 2013. However, of those 11,315 strikes, 601 were considered "damaging," the least amount since 1996. The FAA also said that of all the wildlife strikes reported in 2013, 97 percent of the strikes involved birds, 2.2 percent involved terrestrial mammals, 0.7 percent involved bats and 0.1 percent involved reptiles.

The FAA's log of bird strike information shows that the majority of bird strikes occur during the months of July to October, which is when birds migrate south for the winter. According to an 2009 article NPR, Sacramento, Denver and Kansas City experienced the most bird strikes that year.

Robbie Bear, instructor of biology at K-State, explained the migration process in detail.

"Migratory birds fly north

in the spring when they're adults and nest in the summertime," Bear said. "That winter, the baby birds migrate south because their food sources hibernate and on their way down they get confused with lights and airliners."

In fact, between Oct. 9, 2013 and Oct. 9, 2014, 37 bird strikes have occurred at Kansas City International Airport (MCI). In comparison, only 1 airport strike occurred at Manhattan Regional Airport during that span.

MCI actually teamed up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1998 to develop a plan to reduce wildlife strikes, since there has been a consistently large population of hawks and owls flying around the airport. The USDA concluded that these species were attracted to airport grounds because the airfield has a substantial population of rodents.

"Airport land is the ideal

place for birds to prey because the grass is short, which makes it easier for the birds to get their food," Bear said. "It is also usually fenced in, which helps contain the food sources to that specific area. Birds feast on airport land."

To combat rodent population, the USDA scattered zinc phosphide on airport ground, which eliminated 95 percent of voles and 66 percent of the mice population.

Joe McBride, marketing manager for MCI, said he cares about customer safety.

"The passenger of customer safety in the aircraft is paramount and that's why we partner with the USDA and their wildlife mitigation program," McBride said. "They have people here at the airport to manage wildlife around the airport and to ultimately keep them away."

While bird strikes made up

the majority of wildlife strikes in 2013, 249 incidents involved terrestrial mammals. With this in mind, the FAA, Manhattan Regional Airport administration and the city of Manhattan worked together to construct a 19,000-foot perimeter fence around airport property. The fence is approximately 8-feet tall and was funded by the FAA's Airport improvement program, according to flymhk.com. The fence was constructed in May and cost the city about \$99,000.

Shane Wright, assistant airport director at Manhattan Regional Airport, said the fence is doing its job.

"No specific animal has given us any problems here," Wright said. "Deer and coyotes are the biggest threat to aircrafts, but the fence has done a nice job of keeping animals out."

Local, national, international talking points

By SHELTON BURCH
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State chooses not to renew contract with Konza researcher

The K-State Division of Biology will not renew the contract of Gene Towne, research assistant and Konza Prairie biological station fire

chief, according to the Topeka Capital Journal.

Towne's contract will end on Oct. 31 when his annual contract is up for renewal. In April, Towne was co-author of a research report that suggested burning grasslands for ecological purposes could be done in winter and fall, in addition to the typical April and spring timeframe historically recommended by K-State.

In an interview with the Journal, John Blair, associate director of the department of biology, said Towne's contract was not being renewed due to budget issues and his handling of the research project.

Man shot by police officers in KCMO

Kansas City, Missouri police officers shot and killed a man after he pointed a gun at

them on Saturday, police officials told the Kansas City Star.

According to the Star, shots were reported at approximately 9 p.m. in multiple locations near 44th Street in Kansas City. Police arrived at a location near N.E. Greenfield after receiving reports of a suicidal person. Upon arrival, the man pointed a gun at the officers, who opened fire in response.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene, and police chief Darryl Forté told the Kansas City Star that no officers were injured in the incident.

Russians order soldiers to return

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered the 17,600 Russian soldiers near the Ukrainian border to with-

draw from the border Sunday, according to CNN, citing state-run media.

The troops are withdrawing because exercises in the region near the border have ended, according to Russian news agency RIA Novosti and CNN.

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1) No. 4 Baylor (6-0, 3-0) 61-58 win vs. TCU (Last week: 1)

The Bears got back to their old ways against the Horned Frogs after slowing down last week against Texas. Senior quarterback Bryce Petty finished the day with 510 passing yards and six touchdowns, far better than the 111 yards he passed for against the Longhorns.

With his resurgence, Petty finally looks like the Heisman hopeful he was imagined as before he cracked his vertebrae early in the season. Getting Petty back on track was a priority for the Bears and now the season looks brighter with their quarterback in top form.

2) No. 12 TCU (4-1, 1-1) 61-58 loss at Baylor (Last week: 2)

After upsetting Oklahoma on Oct. 4, the Horned Frogs nearly pulled off an even bigger stunner in Waco, Texas in a high-scoring craze. TCU's highly-touted defense fell apart against Baylor's offense, allowing 782 total yards, which included 510 yards through the air.

The Horned Frogs were forced to reply upon deep passes to get yards against the Bears. This will be taken away against stronger secondaries. The good news for TCU is that they have now faced the two most popular picks to win the conference in back-to-back weeks. It won't get much easier, but it has certainly allowed the Horned Frogs to become a stronger team.

3) No. 14 K-State (4-1, 2-0) bye week (Last week: 3)

4) No. 11 Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1) 31-26 win vs. Texas (Last week: 4)

Bob Stoops and his team pulled out a needed victory against an upset-minded Texas team at the Cot-



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Baylor quarterback **Bryce Petty** and running back **Lache Seastrunk** race after a high snap on Oct. 12, 2013 at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

ton Bowl. They bounced back after a 14-point fourth quarter against their rivals and iced the game by converting their first third-down attempt of the game in their final drive.

Even though they pulled off the victory, the Sooners were completely outplayed by the downtrodden Longhorns in nearly every facet of the game. They were outgained through the air and the ground and finished with less first downs. However, they managed to play a cleaner and more disciplined.

This is the second-straight game where Oklahoma has fallen short on offense. Though they picked up the win, they need to refocus before K-State comes to town next Saturday.

5) No. 15 Oklahoma State (5-1, 3-0) 27-20 win at Kansas (Last week: 5)

The Cowboys are on a roll with their five-game winning streak. Their winning attitudes propelled them past an upset-driven Kansas

team, led by interim head coach Clint Bowen.

Oklahoma State's head coach Mike Gundy has put his team in the right mindset going into their game against TCU in Fort Worth on Saturday.

6) West Virginia (4-2, 2-1) 37-34 win at Texas Tech (Last week: 6)

Once again, West Virginia showed how they can overcome adversity against the Red Raiders. Senior quarterback Clint Trickett, the passing leader in the Big 12, showed off his power arm against the Red Raider defense by passing for 301 yards. The Mountaineers were also anchored by a pair of 100-yard running backs in Wendell Smallwood and Rushel Shell.

7) Texas Tech (2-4, 0-3) 37-34 loss vs. West Virginia (Last week: 7)

Head coach Kliff Kingsbury still couldn't get his team under control against the Mountaineers. The team piled up 115 penalty yards

with 12 total flags. The Red Raiders did everything else right, as sophomore quarterback Davis Webb passed for 348 yards and three touchdowns.

This Red Raider team remains dangerous in the league as long as they don't commit penalties, which somehow remains impossible.

8) Texas (2-4, 1-2) 31-26 loss vs. Oklahoma (Last week: 8)

Texas, amidst some questionable time management, outplayed its rivals in a game which could of totally changed the direction of its season.

Head coach Charlie Strong led the Longhorns to one of their best games of the season. They held the Sooners to only 29 total yards in the first half and only 232 yards in the game. That's less than half of Oklahoma's per game season average.

9) Iowa State (2-4, 0-3) 37-30 win vs. Toledo (Last week: 9)

To say this win was needed

is an understatement. With two fourth-quarter touchdowns, the Cyclones downed the Rockets at their home stadium. Wally Burnham's defense struggled mightily as they still allowed 425 total yards to their MAC opponent, which was 29 less yards than themselves. This has been the issue for the Cyclones this season as they rank ninth in the conference in total defense, allowing 446.3 yards per game.

10) Kansas (2-4, 0-3) 27-20 loss vs. Oklahoma State (Last week: 10)

Kansas mounted an improbable comeback against the Cowboys, but it was not meant to be. They tied the game at 20 points apiece with 6:55 remaining. However, as the story continues to read for the Jayhawks team this season, they let the game slip through their fingers 12 seconds later by allowing a 99-yard kickoff return.

The deflating plays keep coming for the folks from Lawrence and it won't get any easier for Bowen and his crew.

Men's golf wraps up 2014 schedule in Overland Park

BY AUSTIN EARL
THE COLLEGIAN

Today's start of the Bill Ross Intercollegiate in Overland Park, Kansas marks the last tournament of the year for the K-State men's golf

team.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is hosting the tournament at the Milburn Country Club, with first tee at 8:30 a.m. The participating schools will play 36 holes, while finishing the tournament with 18-hole round at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Head coach Grant Robbins' scoring lineup will consist of the same five players it has all season. The group is led by four sophomores — Seth Smith, Matt Green, Hank Simpson and Connor Knabe.

"We are looking forward to playing at Milburn

this week," Robbins said in K-State Sports' weekend press release. "It's a great golf course and one that many of our players are familiar with."

Smith and Green have both found individual success this season. Green won the Jack Nicklaus Invitational on

Sept. 29, while Smith tied for third earlier this month.

Freshman Trent Evans, who is also playing, will look to bounce back after finishing 14-over par in the team's last tournament.

The Wildcats will not compete against a current member of the Big 12, but will see a familiar face at the course in Nebraska. The former conference foe is the

only Power Five conference team joining K-State in the tournament.

K-State is the third-highest ranked team in the tournament at No. 125, according to Golfweek's rankings. This behind Denver, who is No. 57, as well as No. 103 UMKC.

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The 10 stages of a college student's all-nighter



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1. Finding a comfortable workspace

Finding a location for your all-nighter is important and should be the first step as you embark on a long, agonizing and much tweeted about journey. You set yourself down in a comfortable chair with your notes, laptop, cellphone, tablet and chargers ahead of you.



2. The procalmation

You've been talking about it all day, but now it's happening for real. This all-nighter is going down! You tweet a brief but telling, "Having an all-nighter, if you need me I'll be studying." You're good to go.

3. Caffiene

You've been working for 20 minutes now. Things are going well. You decide now is a good time to load up on some caffiene. Actually, make that a lot of caffiene, lots and lots of caffiene. Coffee, Red Bull, Kickstarter, whatever it is you need to have it now and you'll need a lot of it. Better take a quick trip to Dara's or the vending machines.



4. Doing the math

This is an all-nighter staple. "If I get done by 'X' o'clock, I'll get 'Y' hours of sleep tonight." None of it matters though, it's all an exercise in procrastination.

5. Break time

Twenty minutes of work? Definitely earns yourself a 30-minute break, I mean it's only 3 a.m., right? Also, better take a quick peek at your phone, you tweeted about it after all – you want to see who favorited it.



6. Second thoughts

At some point in this process, the philosopher comes out in all of us: "Should I be in college?" "Was this the right class for me?" "Should I watch another episode on Netflix to relax myself?" "Why didn't I start this three weeks ago when assigned?"

Are all questions that need answers now.

7. The big push

It's desperation time. You promised yourself the last time this happened that you'll change. Why didn't you change?

But one of that matters anymore. You turn off the music or TV and focus on the task ahead. This is the part where you actually get work done. You're buried beneath the work you are doing. No excuses, no breaks, just you and the fight of your life.



8. Finishing the assignment

It is done. The final sentence is typed and the paragraphs are proofread, albeit poorly. You make the final adjustments to your assignment and happily hit the "save" button. That "ping" is the single, most satisfying noise you have ever heard in your college life.

9. Making love to your bed

Warning: the following content for tired adults only.

You slowly look at your bed from the ground up. You realize what a mistake you made in taking it for granted as you fluff your pillow and slowly hide under your covers. With one arm under the pillow, one leg curls inward as the other sticks straight out of the blanket. No talking, only silence, warmth and comfort. No distractions from your roommate or the devil living inside the alarm clock. Just you and your lovely bed, like it used to be ... like it always should be.



10. The final grade

The most or least satisfying feeling off the all-nighter comes much later when the grade is posted. Some happily dance in front of the computer, claiming victory over the all-nighter. Others, however, will cry in a fetal position while their friends and roommates all stare. But in the end, nothing else matters because you can now return to your home in the land of sleep.

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Little Apple Optimists use chili to raise funds for local youth programs

By MEGAN ROWE
THE COLLEGIAN

"What goes better with our crisp fall weather than chili?" Jamie Shrock, president of the Little Apple Optimist, said.

After 13 years, the Little Apple Optimist Club did it again. On Saturday, its mem-

bers hosted another sold-out Chili Crawl in Aggieville. This year, Chili Crawl hosted over 15 restaurants, including Fuzzy's Taco Shop, Johnny Kaw's Sports Bar, CoCo Bolos and many more.

Participating restaurants competed against one another's chili recipes to win the Chili Crawl plaque, which spices up the victor's restaurant or bar

wall.

"The Optimists appreciate and enjoy working with the participating Aggieville (businesses) in a fun, tasty competition," Shrock said.

According to mother and Little Apple Optimist new member Amy Blockcolsky, the organization is "dedicated to supporting kids and their futures."

"What we get from the do-

nation of chili at the Chili Crawl, we donate it back to youth organizations and activities," Penny Alonzo, former president of the Little Apple Optimist Club, said.

Not only did those trying chili enjoy the event, but club members had a great time as well.

"I love watching people figure out which chili they like best," Vera Hintz, Little Apple

Optimist member, said. "You see a lot of people you don't see otherwise."

If chili was not a good enough reason to go, Cold Stone Creamery gave out ice cream to those who participated in the crawl.

"People see us as one," Kristin Dorsey, assistant manager of Cold Stone Creamery, said. "They come to us last, the

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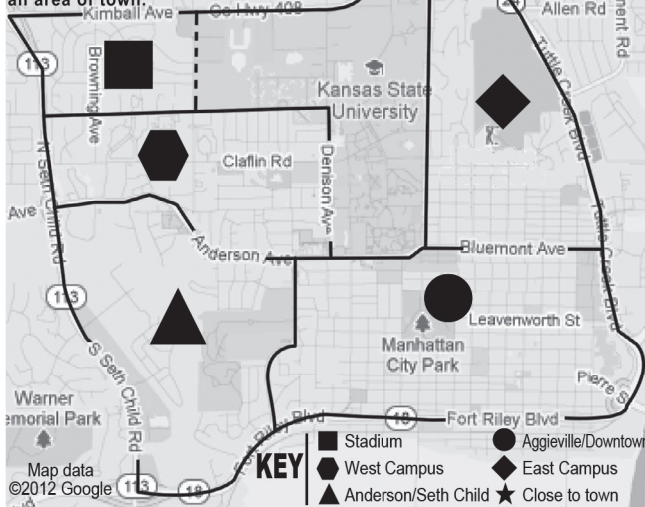
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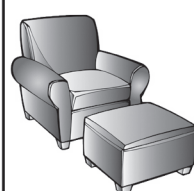
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